

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 551
By Davis

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate C. Edwin "Eddie" Rowe, D.Ph. of Gray on his meritorious service as President of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should honor those health care professionals who, through their unswerving commitment to advancing their profession, have made ours a much better world in which to live; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is C. Edwin "Eddie" Rowe, D.Ph. of Gray who will be completing his term as President of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association on July 17, 2003; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from East Tennessee State University, Eddie Rowe went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Tennessee in 1969; and

WHEREAS, after working in several different pharmacies, Dr. Rowe bought Green's Pharmacy in Kingsport in 1980 and converted it into Rowe's Pharmacy; he still owns and operates this establishment today; and

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WHEREAS, widely recognized within his profession for his singular abilities and significant contributions, Dr. Rowe was awarded the Bowl of Hygeia for Community Service in 1996 by the Tennessee Pharmacists Association; and

WHEREAS, widely acclaimed for his expertise, Dr. Eddie Rowe is also a Past Chair of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association's Legislative Committee and has also served this worthy organization as a member of the Resolutions Committee and as Vice-Speaker of the House; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rowe has also served with distinction as a member of the Tennessee Board of Pharmacy (1991-1996), Chair of the Tennessee Society of Independent Pharmacists, and as a Trustee of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association's Pharmacy Practice Preservation Fund; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Dr. Rowe has been honored by the First District Pharmaceutical Association as Pharmacist of the Year; he also served that organization as President in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Eddie Rowe is also actively involved with the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy Alumni Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, constantly giving back to his community, Dr. Eddie Rowe is a frequent speaker at school Career Days, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Appalachian District Fair in Gray for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, his many personal and professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Eddie Rowe is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, the former Dot Carrico, his sons and daughters-in-law, Tim and Michelle and Daniel and Becky, and his grandchildren, Annabelle Grace and Olivia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Rowe are very active members of the Hales Chapel Christian Church, where he has served as an elder for 18 years and as a youth sponsor for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, pharmacists such as Eddie Rowe truly provide the backbone of the health care system in both the State of Tennessee and this nation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor Dr. Rowe for his laudable service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate C. Edwin "Eddie" Rowe, D.Ph. for his meritorious service as President of the Tennessee Pharmacists Association, salute his dedication and commitment to furthering his profession, and wish him the best in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.